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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Allan Kuchinsky, et al. Group Art Unit: 2171  
Application No.: 09/863,115 Examiner: Unknown  
Filed: May 22, 2001  
Title: Software System For Biological Storytelling  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following:

In the Claims:

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (amended) A system for organizing information across external information objects comprising:

An Item Manager for creating items representing external information objects,

A Collection Manager for creating and manipulating collections of items,

A Story Editor based on a narrative grammar for incorporating items and collections into the narrative grammar forming a story,

A Diagram Editor for incorporating items and collections and interactions into a graphical representation of a story, and

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
( ) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
(X) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Box Non-Fee Amendments")  
( ) Other: (fee \$ )

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	13	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$84	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$280	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$400.00	3RD MONTH \$920.00	4TH MONTH \$1440.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

Charge \$ 0 to Deposit Account 50-1078. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1078 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 50-1078 under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

Allan J Kuchinsky et al

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